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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Howard Kaplan, who passed away on June 19, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Kaplan was a native Chicagoan who grew up in a conservative Jewish working-class family in East Rogers Park; he met his future wife while he was a student at Sullivan High School and she was attending Senn High School; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Kaplan was employed as an attorney, a certified public accountant, and a real estate developer; and

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WHEREAS, Howard Kaplan was a business leader and a Jewish community activist who held important posts in local, national, and international Jewish and civic organizations for many decades; he served as chairman of the Board of Governors of Israel Bonds' Midwest office; he was a board member of the Israel Bonds national organization for more than 15 years; he served as the 1996 general campaign chairman for the Jewish United Fund; he was a past chairperson of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; he served as president of Hadassah Associates; he was a member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel; he was also a past president of Northwest Suburban

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1 Jewish Congregation, a trustee of Hebrew University, and chair
2 of the Cook County Crime Commission; and

3 WHEREAS, Howard Kaplan is survived by his wife, Marlene;
4 his children, Audra Kaplan Spellberg, Rhonda Katz, Bennett
5 Kaplan, and Patrick Kaplan; his grandchildren, Emile, Ruby,
6 Breit, Ali, Leah, Golda, Shaina, Joseph, David, Helen, Aviva,
7 and Nathan; his sisters, Phyllis Shapps and Carole Kaplan; and
8 his sister-in-law, Ilene Strauss; and

9 WHEREAS, Howard Kaplan will be remembered fondly by all who
10 knew and loved him as a loving and devoted father and
11 grandfather, whose kindness and dedication to his Jewish
12 heritage served as an inspiration to all; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
15 his family and friends, the passing of Howard Kaplan; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Howard Kaplan as an expression of
19 our sympathy.